SWORN STATEMENT

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I am Major (b)(3), (b)(6) . In July 2008, I was the Forward Support Company Commander for 2-503 (Fusion Company 2-503) and I was co-located with the battalion headquarters in Camp Blessing, Afghanistan and conducted dispersed operations in various locations of the Kunar province. As part of the 173rd Brigade Support Battalion (BSB), my company was assigned in direct support of the 2-503.

I was the senior logistician for the battalion. I worked with the battalion S-4 to execute their logistics plan by moving supplies to places such as Wanat and Bella.

To get supplies to the troops, I would base supplies in Jalalabad and move them to the COPs using military and/or "Jingle" truck trucks via a ring route every two or three days. For delivery sites that could not be reached via ground transportation, we used helicopter supply routes or as a last resort donkeys.

Although, I became aware of company supply requirements via the LOGSTAT, it was sometimes easier for me to go directly to the company commanders to get a feel of the battlespace and anticipate their needs. Supply requests generally went from company XOs, through the battalion S-4 to my FSC XO who served as my support operations officer for the battalion. At some point this process devolved to daily e-mails between the CO XOs and my XO.

To move most of our supplies, I used theater provided transportation that involved thirty 5-ton trucks and some PLS, 10-ton trucks. If I could rely on ground transportation, I would usually go to the Battalion S-3 or XO to request route clearance assistance. Battalion Engineers provided route clearance and I made sure my movements were synchronized with theirs.

For areas such as the Waygal valley I could not supply COPs via trucks and had to rely on air for supply runs. For instance in Wanat, I had to rely on helicopters to move the staged supplies from Camp Blessing to Wanat. The helicopter piece was planned

by my XO and the battalion S-4. If something didn't move, it would become an emergency request which was a constant problem.

I became aware of Wanat emplacement around the February/March 2008 timeframe; however I wasn't aware of the Wanat COP approval until late June 2008 when there was a push to complete Wanat. There was a push to complete Wanat before we got out of there so the next unit wasn't falling on something as ill placed as Bella. In my opinion, the pressure was not caused by issues within the chain of command, but delay in obtaining permission to occupy the land.

I generally received requests for supplies from the S-4, but nothing specific from any commander. I planned the movement of contracted building supplies from Blessing to Wanat. The contracts were part of an approval process for a new base, approval for Class IV and other infrastructure.

I focused on getting enough sling/cargo nets to move everything from Blessing to Wanat, to synch assets to support that move and get the Wanat infrastructure to something comparable to Bella.

For Wanat, we staged a number of supplies at Camp Blessing in addition to the bulk of supplies being transferred from Bella. We staged Hescos, wood, bricks, concertina wire, and Texas/Jersey barriers. Jersey/Texas barrier were contractual items that was almost hard to get. That had to be laid out before they could set-up Wanat. (b)(3), (b)(6) wouldn't send Diamond people until we had the requisite barriers. I don't know how many they would have gotten in there. I don't remember there being a issue with Class IV for Wanat, we were short on Class IV then, as was the case from May 07 to May 08. I don't know what supplies made it to Wanat on time.

In late June or early July, I met with the battalion commander, S-3, S-4, and the XO to discuss OP Rock Move, before I changed command on 26 June 2008. The last few days I was in command, I was lining up air assets to move supplies from Bella to Wanat

I was not part of the CONOP brief. I did prepare my piece of the CONOP in the early stages to move the Class IV from Jalalabad to Blessing to be marshaled and sent to Wanat via

helo. It was easier to send supplies to Blessing than the actual COP sometimes because the unit could rely on fewer turns from a helo. Once the supplies reached Blessing the Battalion could schedule the airlift. As far as moving supplies to Blessing, I had no issues.

I do not remember receiving a report from the Chosen Company Commander, XO or S-4 for items needed at Wanat. If I had request on "black" status item, I could have had truck there in a couple of hours. For the Waygal Valley I contracted a truck delivery one time to Bella. That driver was killed.

As our FSC was getting ready to rip, my role included planning left/right seat rides and setting the new commander with the area and mission, however he did not arrive before I left. CPT

Apple (b)(3), (b)(6) took over my command after 26th June, while CPT

Grape (b)(3), (b)(6) remained the XO. I left the area around the first week of July about 2-3 days before the Battle of Wanat.

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